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Applicant: Hiroki KUSAKABE, et al.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 5, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 5, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.